

Answers/Responses

This module demonstrates the steps to file an answer or response in the CM/ECF system. This example demonstrates a Response to a Motion for Sanctions. The same steps would be followed for any other type of answer or response.

Response to Motion for Sanctions

STEP 1 Click the [Bankruptcy](#) hypertext link on the CM/ECF Main Menu.

Note: If the document is in an adversary proceeding, choose the [Adversary](#) hypertext link.

STEP 2 The **Bankruptcy Events** screen displays.

◆ Click the [Answer/Response](#) hypertext link.

STEP 3 The **Answer/Response** screen displays.

◆ Click the [Reference an Existing Motion/Application](#) hypertext link.

STEP 4 The **Case Number** screen displays.

◆ Enter the complete case number (office code-yy-bk-nnnnn).

◆ Click **[Next]** to continue.

STEP 5 The **Document Type** screen displays. (See Figure 25)

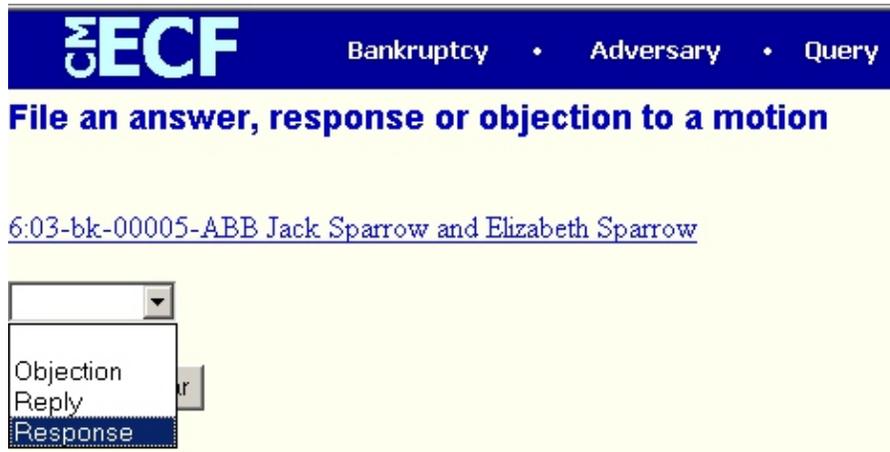


Figure 25

- ◆ Verify the case number and case name.
 - ◆ If the case number and name do not match your document, click the browser **[Back]** button to re-enter the case number.
 - ◆ If the system prompts that you have entered an invalid case number, click the browser **[Back]** button to try again. You may use the **[Back]** button at any time during this docketing process to verify former screens until the final submission.
- ◆ Click the down arrow ▼ in the **Document Type** pick list to reveal the list of events. The options are:
 - Objection
 - Reply
 - Response
- ◆ Click to highlight the **Response** option. In this example, a *Response to a Motion for Sanctions* is being docketed.
- ◆ Click **[Next]** to continue.

STEP 6 The **Select the Party** screen displays.

- ◆ Click the down arrow ▼ to scroll the **Select the Party** box to locate the party filer (i.e.: debtor, joint debtor or creditor).
- ◆ Click to highlight and select the party for which the document is filed.
Note: If you wish to highlight more than one party, hold the “Ctrl” key down and click to highlight the remaining party or parties.
- ◆ Click **[Next]** and proceed to **Step 9**.
- ◆ If the party is not located in the **Select the Party** box, click **Add/Create New Party** and proceed to **Step 7**.

STEP 7 The **Search Party** screen displays. (See Figure 26)



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Search for a party

SSN Tax Id

Last/Business name

Figure 26

- ◆ Enter a social security number, tax identification number, or last/business name to search for the party to be added to the case.
- ◆ Click **[Search]** to continue.

STEP 8 The **Party Search Results** screen displays. (See Figure 27)

The screenshot shows the ECF Party Search Results interface. At the top, there is a blue navigation bar with the ECF logo and links for Bankruptcy, Adversary, Query, Reports, Utilities, and Logout. Below this, the search area is titled "Search for a party" and contains three input fields: "SSN", "Tax Id", and "Last/Business name". There are "Search" and "Clear" buttons below these fields. The "Party search results" section displays a list of names: "Jones, James", "Jones, Peter Paul", "Jones, Sally", "Jones & Jones", and "Jones, Inc.". Below the list are two buttons: "Select name from list" and "Create new party".

Figure 27

- ◆ If the system finds the correct party, highlight the party’s name in the **Party Search Results** window, and click **Select Name from List** to add the party to the case, and then proceed to **Step 8**.

Note: If numerous records are found, click on each name until you find the appropriate match. If no exact match is found, select a record that just contains the party’s name and click **Select Name from List**. You will then be given the opportunity to input the correct information for the party.

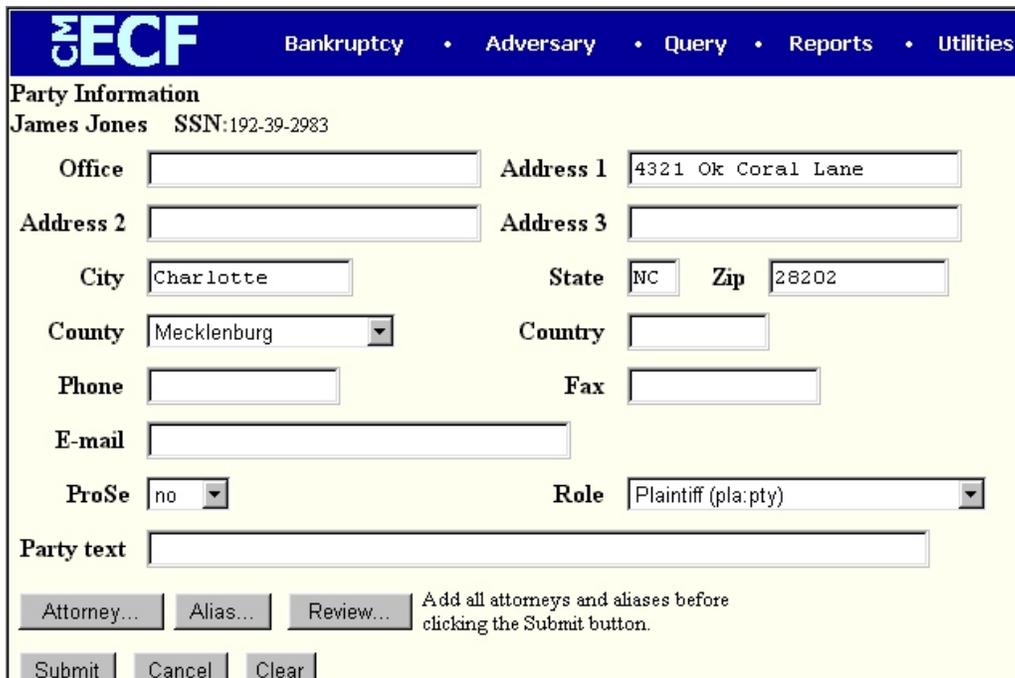
- ◆ If the system does **not** find the party with the search criteria entered, it will display a message **No person found** (See Figure 28)

This screenshot shows the ECF Party Search Results interface after a search that yields no results. The header and search fields are identical to Figure 27. However, the "Party search results" section now displays the message "No person found." and only the "Create new party" button is visible.

Figure 28

- ◆ Click **Create New Party** to add the party to the case.

STEP 9 The **Party Information** screen displays (See Figure 29).



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Party Information
James Jones SSN:192-39-2983

Office Address 1

Address 2 Address 3

City State Zip

County Country

Phone Fax

E-mail

ProSe Role

Party text

Attorney... Alias... Review... Add all attorneys and aliases before clicking the Submit button.

Submit Cancel Clear

Figure 29

Note: If you have selected a party from the party list, you will not be able to change the social security number/tax id number field; however, you will be able to modify other field information.

- ◆ Enter or verify the party name. It is important to include the complete mailing addresses of the party if available for noticing purposes.
- ◆ The **Role** type will default to “debtor” and **must** be changed to reflect the correct party role for the party being added.
- ◆ The **Party Text** box can be used to add an additional descriptive nature to the party’s name. For example: If the plaintiff was General Foods Store, a division of General Motors Corporation, enter: *General Foods Store* in **Last name** field, and enter: *a division of General Motors Corporation* in **Party text** field.
- ◆ When all information is entered, click **[Submit]** to add the party to the case.

STEP 10 The **PDF Document Selection** screen displays.

- ◆ Click [**Browse**], then navigate to the directory where the appropriate PDF file is located. Verify you have selected the correct document by right clicking on the highlighted filename and select **Open** to view the image in Adobe Acrobat. Once verified, close the PDF image and select **Open** from the “Choose File” pop-up screen to associate the PDF file with the docket entry.
- ◆ The **Attachments to Document** option defaults to **No**. If you have attachments to this document, click the **Yes** radio button to indicate there are attachments. (Refer to module: *Attachments to Documents* for more information)
- ◆ Click [**Next**] to continue.

STEP 11 The **Pending Motions** screen displays. (See Figure 30)

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File an answer, response or objection to a motion:
[6:03-bk-00005-ABB Jack Sparrow and Elizabeth Sparrow](#)

Select the applicable motion(s)/application(s).

07/22/2003 4 Motion For Sanctions *against Blackbeard Industries* Filed by Joint Debtor Elizabeth Sparrow, Debtor Jack Sparrow. (Baker, Christine)

Next Clear

Figure 30

- ◆ Select the motion you wish to respond to by clicking inside the radio box to place a checkmark next to the relevant motion. This will link the response to the motion.

Helpful Hint: You will need to provide the name of the document to which you are responding. To save keystrokes, copy the text from the **Pending Motions** screen and paste into the text box on the **Final Docket Text** screen.

- ◆ Click [**Next**] to continue.

STEP 12 The **Final Docket Text** screen displays. (See Figure 31)

Figure 31

- ◆ A prefix box and/or supplemental text box window are available to add more detail to the docket text.
- ◆ Click the down arrow ▼ to display the prefix options. **Note:** You may also type the first letter of the prefix to immediately move to the list of prefixes that begin with a particular letter (i.e.: Verified type “v”). Prefix Options to choose from are:

[none]
 Addendum to
 Agreed
 Alias
 Amended
 Amendment to
 Certified
 Consent
 Corrective
 Cross
 Emergency
 Ex Parte
 Expedited
 Fifth
 Final
 First
 First Amended

Fourth
Fourth Amended
Initial
Interim
Intervenor's
Joint
Limited
Modified
Omnibus
Opposition
Pluries
Pre-Trial
Proposed
Renewed
Sealed
Second
Second Amended
Sixth
Status
Stipulated
Supplemental
Supporting
Third
Third Amended
Third Party
Trial
Unilateral
Unopposed
Verified

- ◆ A supplemental text box window is provided to add more detail to the docket entry. In this example, we have added: "Motion for Sanctions against Blackbeard Industries".

Note: The docket text reflects that this Response is related to the original Motion for Sanctions as evidenced by the document number.

- ◆ Click **[Next]** to continue.

STEP 13 The **Final Approval** screen displays.

- ◆ Verify the Final Docket Text. Read the Attention!! message.
- ◆ If the Final Docket Text is correct,
 - ◆ Click **[Next]** to continue and officially submit document.
- ◆ If the Final Docket Text is incorrect:
 - ◆ Click the browser **[Back]** button to find the error(s) and proceed with the event.
 - ◆ To abort or restart the transaction, return to **Step 1** and begin again.

STEP 14 The **Notice of Electronic Filing** screen displays.

- ◆ The Notice of Electronic Filing certifies that the filing has been received electronically by the court.
- ◆ Clicking on the case number hypertext link will present the Docket Report for this case. A PACER account is necessary to view this link.
- ◆ Clicking on the document number hypertext link will present the *PDF Image* of the document just filed.
- ◆ Scroll down to see participants who have and have not registered for electronic noticing on this case.
- ◆ To print a copy of this notice click the browser **[Print]** icon.
- ◆ To save a copy of this notice, click **[File]** on the browser menu bar and select **Save Frame As**.
- ◆ You may also save the notice through the browser **File/Save** option.

Amended Documents

This module demonstrates the steps to amend documents. Although this example shows the amending of a Motion for Sanctions, the same steps would be followed to amend other types of documents. Refer to the module entitled “Amended Schedules D, E & F” for instructions on amending the debtor(s) schedules.

Note: If you are amending a document, use the original event and choose “amended” from the list of prefix options in the Final Docket Text screen. However, if you are amending a motion/application where the fee was paid with the initial filing, pay close attention to the display messages to avoid being charged a filing fee for the amended document where none is actually due.

Amended Motion for Sanctions

STEP 1 Click the Bankruptcy hypertext link on the CM/ECF Main Menu.

Note: If the amended document is in an adversary proceeding, choose the Adversary hypertext link.

STEP 2 The **Bankruptcy Events** screen displays.

◆ Click the Motions/Applications/Objections hypertext link.

STEP 3 The **Case Number** screen displays.

◆ Enter the complete case number (office code-yy-bk-nnnnn).

◆ Click **[Next]** to continue.

STEP 4 The **File a Motion** screen displays.

◆ Verify the case name and case number that is displayed.

◆ If the case name and number are incorrect, press the browser **[Back]** button to re-enter the case number.

- ◆ If the system prompts that you have entered an invalid case number, click the browser **[Back]** button to try again.

- ◆ Click the down arrow ▼ to reveal the list of motions/applications/objections or press the “a” for applications, “m” for motions or “o” for objections. Highlight *Motion for Sanctions*.

Note: You may continue to press the “a”, “m” or “o” until the motion/application/objection you are filing is highlighted.

- ◆ Click **[Next]** to continue.

STEP 5 The **Select the Party** screen displays.

- ◆ Click the down arrow ▼ to scroll the **Select the Party** box to locate the party filer (i.e.: debtor, joint debtor or creditor).

- ◆ Click to highlight and select the party for which the document is filed.
Note: If you wish to highlight more than one party, hold the “**Ctrl**” key down and click to highlight the remaining party or parties.

- ◆ Click **[Next]** and proceed to **Step 9**.

- ◆ If the party is not located in the **Select the Party** box, click **Add/Create New Party** and proceed to **Step 6**.

STEP 6 The **Search Party** screen displays. (See Figure 32)

ECF Bankruptcy • Adversary

Search for a party

SSN Tax Id

Last/Business name

Figure 32

- ◆ Enter a social security number, tax identification number, or last/business name to search for the party to be added to the case.
- ◆ Click **[Search]** to continue.

STEP 7 The **Party Search Results** screen displays. (See **Figure 33**)



The screenshot shows the ECF (Electronic Case Filing) interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ECF logo and menu items: Bankruptcy, Adversary, Query, Reports, Utilities, and Logout. Below the navigation bar is a search form titled "Search for a party". The form contains three input fields: "SSN", "Tax Id", and "Last/Business name". There are "Search" and "Clear" buttons below the input fields. Below the search form is a "Party search results" window. This window displays a list of search results: "Jones, James", "Jones, Peter Paul", "Jones, Sally", "Jones & Jones", and "Jones, Inc.". Below the list are two buttons: "Select name from list" and "Create new party".

Figure 33

- ◆ If the system finds the correct party, highlight the party's name in the **Party Search Results** window, and click **Select Name from List** to add the party to the case, and then proceed to **Step 8**.

Note: If numerous records are found, click on each name until you find the appropriate match. If no exact match is found, select a record that just contains the party's name and click **Select Name from List**. You will then be given the opportunity to input the correct information for the party.

- ◆ If the system does not find the party with the search criteria entered, it will display a message **No person found** (See Figure 34)

The screenshot shows the ECF search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ECF logo and links for Bankruptcy, Adversary, Query, Reports, Utilities, and Logout. Below the navigation bar, there is a search section titled "Search for a party" with input fields for SSN, Tax Id, and Last/Business name. There are "Search" and "Clear" buttons. Below the search section, there is a section titled "Party search results" which displays the message "No person found." and a "Create new party" button.

Figure 34

- ◆ Click **Create New Party** to add the party to the case.

STEP 8 The **Party Information** screen displays (See Figure 35).

The screenshot shows the ECF Party Information screen. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ECF logo and links for Bankruptcy, Adversary, Query, Reports, and Utilities. Below the navigation bar, there is a section titled "Party Information" for James Jones with SSN: 192-39-2983. The form contains several input fields: Office, Address 1 (4321 Ok Coral Lane), Address 2, Address 3, City (Charlotte), State (NC), Zip (28202), County (Mecklenburg), Country, Phone, Fax, E-mail, ProSe (no), and Role (Plaintiff (pla.pty)). There is also a "Party text" field. At the bottom, there are buttons for "Attorney...", "Alias...", "Review...", "Submit", "Cancel", and "Clear". A note says "Add all attorneys and aliases before clicking the Submit button."

Figure 35

Note: If you have selected a party from the party list, you will not be able to change the social security number/tax id number field; however, you will be able to modify other field information.

- ◆ Enter or verify the party name. It is important to include the complete mailing addresses of the party if available for noticing purposes.
- ◆ The **Role** type will default to “debtor” and **must** be changed to reflect the correct party role for the party being added.
- ◆ The **Party Text** box can be used to add an additional descriptive nature to the party’s name. For example: If the plaintiff was General Foods Store, a division of General Motors Corporation, enter: *General Foods Store* in **Last name** field, and enter: *a division of General Motors Corporation* in **Party text** field.
- ◆ When all information is entered, click **[Submit]** to add the party to the case.

STEP 9 The **PDF Document Selection** screen displays.

- ◆ Click **[Browse]**, then navigate to the directory where the appropriate PDF file is located. Verify you have selected the correct document by right clicking on the highlighted filename and select **Open** to view the image in Adobe Acrobat. Once verified, close the PDF image and select **Open** from the “Choose File” pop-up screen to associate the PDF file with the docket entry.
- ◆ The **Attachments to Document** option defaults to **No**. If you have attachments to this document, click the **Yes** radio button to indicate there are attachments. (Refer to module: *Attachments to Documents* for more information)
- ◆ Click **[Next]** to continue.

STEP 10 The **Refer to Existing Event** screen displays. (See Figure 36)



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File a Motion:
[6:03-bk-00005-ABB Jack Sparrow and Elizabeth Sparrow](#)

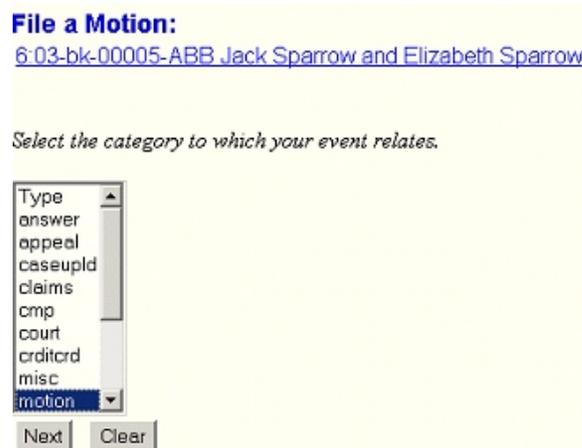
Refer to existing event(s)?

Next Clear

Figure 36

- ◆ Click inside the box to place a checkmark and indicate that this filing does refer to an existing document. This will allow you to choose the document being amended. By referring to that document a linkage will be created in the system.
- ◆ Click **[Next]** to continue.

STEP 11 The **Document Category** screen displays. (See Figure 37)



File a Motion:
[6:03-bk-00005-ABB Jack Sparrow and Elizabeth Sparrow](#)

Select the category to which your event relates.

Type
answer
appeal
caseupld
claims
cmp
court
creditrd
misc
motion

Next Clear

Figure 37

- ◆ Click to highlight and select the category of documents to which this amended document refers. The document being amended in this example is a Motion for Sanctions. That document was originally docketed by choosing the *Motion* category. Therefore, click the *Motion* category to highlight and select all the motions docketed in this case.

Note: If you are unsure as to the category the item you are amended was docketed under, left click on *Type* and drag down to highlight and select all categories of documents to which this amended document may refer. The system will find and display all docket entries associated with the case.

- ◆ Click **[Next]** to continue.

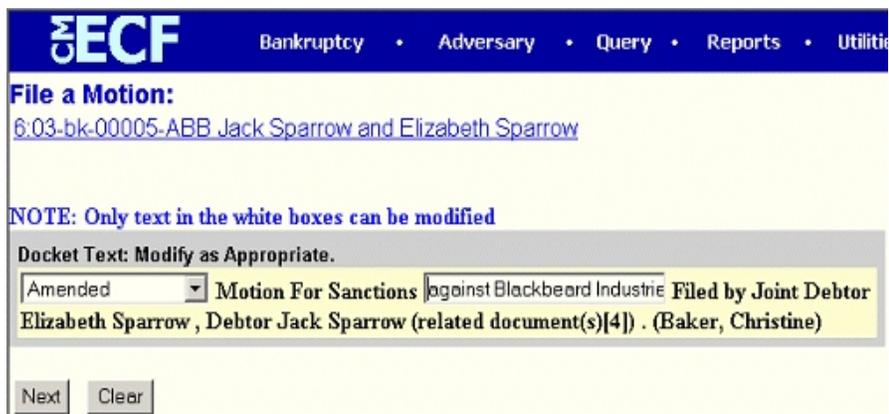
STEP 12 A **Document List** displays.

- ◆ A list of motions filed in this case will be displayed. If you highlighted all category types, the entire docket will be displayed.
- ◆ Click inside the box next to the document being amended to include (link) this *amended* document to the previously filed document.

Helpful Hint: You may need to provide additional text. To save keystrokes, copy the text from the **Pending Motions** screen and paste into the text box on the **Final Docket Text** screen.

- ◆ Click **[Next]** to continue.

STEP 13 The **Final Docket Text** screen displays. (See Figure 38)



The screenshot shows the ECF (Electronic Case Filing) interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ECF logo and links for Bankruptcy, Adversary, Query, Reports, and Utilities. Below this, the page title is "File a Motion:" followed by a case link: "6:03-bk-00005-ABB Jack Sparrow and Elizabeth Sparrow". A note states: "NOTE: Only text in the white boxes can be modified". The main section is titled "Docket Text: Modify as Appropriate." and contains a text input field with a dropdown menu. The dropdown is set to "Amended" and the text in the field is "Motion For Sanctions Against Blackbeard Industrie Filed by Joint Debtor Elizabeth Sparrow , Debtor Jack Sparrow (related document(s)[4]) . (Baker, Christine)". At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: "Next" and "Clear".

Figure 38

- ◆ A prefix box and supplemental text box window are available to add more detail to the docket text.

- ◆ Click the down arrow ▼ to display the prefix options. **Note:** You may also type the first letter of the prefix to immediately move to the list of prefixes that begin with a particular letter (i.e.: Verified type “v”). Prefix Options to choose from are:

[none]
Addendum to
Agreed
Alias
Amended
Amendment to
Certified
Consent
Corrective
Cross
Emergency
Ex Parte
Expedited
Fifth
Final
First
First Amended
Fourth
Fourth Amended
Initial
Interim
Intervenor’s
Joint
Limited
Modified
Omnibus
Opposition
Pluries
Pre-Trial
Proposed
Renewed
Sealed
Second

Second Amended
Sixth
Status
Stipulated
Supplemental
Supporting
Third
Third Amended
Third Party
Trial
Unilateral
Unopposed
Verified

- ◆ In this example, we have selected “Amended”.

- ◆ A supplemental text box window is provided to add more detail to the docket entry. In this example, we have added: “against Blackbeard Industries” to indicate whom the motion for sanctions are against.

Note: The docket text reflects that this Amended Motion is related to the original Motion for Sanctions as evidenced by the document number.

- ◆ Click **[Next]** to continue.

STEP 14 The **Final Approval** screen displays.

- ◆ Verify the Final Docket Text. Read the Attention!! message.
- ◆ If the Final Docket Text is correct,
 - ◆ Click **[Next]** to continue and officially submit document.
- ◆ If the Final Docket Text is incorrect:
 - ◆ Click the browser **[Back]** button to find the error(s) and proceed with the event.
 - ◆ To abort or restart the transaction, return to **Step 1** and begin again.

STEP 15 The **Notice of Electronic Filing** screen displays.

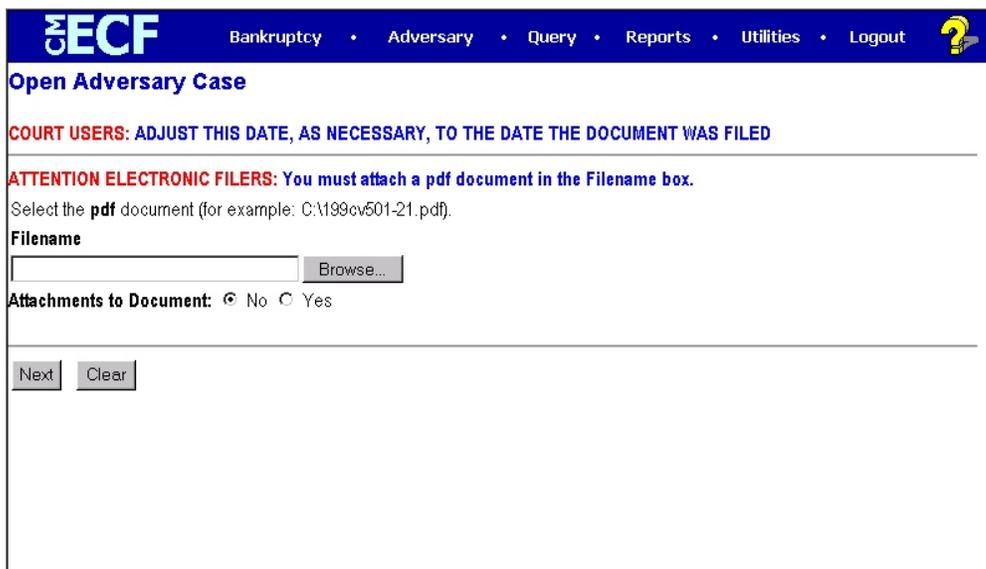
- ◆ The Notice of Electronic Filing certifies that the filing has been received electronically by the court.
- ◆ Clicking on the case number hypertext link will present the Docket Report for this case. A PACER account is necessary to view this link.
- ◆ Clicking on the document number hypertext link will present the *PDF Image* of the document just filed.
- ◆ Scroll down to see participants who have and have not registered for electronic noticing on this case.
- ◆ To print a copy of this notice click the browser **[Print]** icon.
- ◆ To save a copy of this notice, click **[File]** on the browser menu bar and select **Save Frame As**.
- ◆ You may also save the notice through the browser **File/Save** option.

Attachments to Documents

This module demonstrates the steps to take when an electronically filed document has attachments. This will occur most frequently when a document, such as a motion, is typed in word processing and converted to PDF format. However, there are additional exhibits to be included with the filing. In this instance there will be more than one PDF file; the document itself converted to PDF format in the word processor, and one or more attachments scanned and saved in PDF format.

STEP 1 Scan the attachment(s) and convert to *PDF* format. (See module: Converting to PDF Format - Scanned Documents for additional information) If you have multiple exhibits to attach to a document, you can scan them all at the same time and save them under one *PDF* filename.

STEP 2 During the docketing process, the **PDF Document Selection** screen displays. (See Figure 39)



The screenshot shows the ECF (Electronic Case Filing) interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ECF logo and links for Bankruptcy, Adversary, Query, Reports, Utilities, and Logout. Below the navigation bar, the page title is "Open Adversary Case". A red warning message states: "COURT USERS: ADJUST THIS DATE, AS NECESSARY, TO THE DATE THE DOCUMENT WAS FILED". Below this, a blue instruction reads: "ATTENTION ELECTRONIC FILERS: You must attach a pdf document in the Filename box." The user is prompted to "Select the pdf document (for example: C:\199cv501-21.pdf)". There is a "Filename" label followed by a text input field and a "Browse..." button. Below the input field, there is a radio button selection for "Attachments to Document:" with options "No" (selected) and "Yes". At the bottom of the form, there are "Next" and "Clear" buttons.

Figure 39

- ◆ Click **[Browse]**, then navigate to the directory where the appropriate PDF file is located. Verify you have selected the correct document by right clicking on the highlighted filename and select **Open** to view the image in Adobe Acrobat. Once verified, close the PDF image and select **Open** from the "Choose File" pop-up screen to associate the PDF file with the docket entry.

- ◆ The **Attachments to Document** radio button defaults to **No**. Click to select **Yes**.
- ◆ Click **[Next]** to continue.

STEP 3 The **Attachments to Document** screen displays. (See Figure 40)

Figure 40

- ◆ In **Section 1**, click **[Browse]**, then navigate to the directory where the **attachment** PDF file is located for the main document. View the document to verify the correct file has been selected. Double-click the PDF **attachment** file to select it and include it with the main document for this docket entry.

STEP 4 The **attachment PDF** filename now displays in **Section 1**. (See Figure 41)

Figure 41

- ◆ **Section 2** allows for descriptive information about this **attachment**.
- ◆ Click on the down arrow ▼ to reveal the list of options in the **Type** category. (See Figure 42)

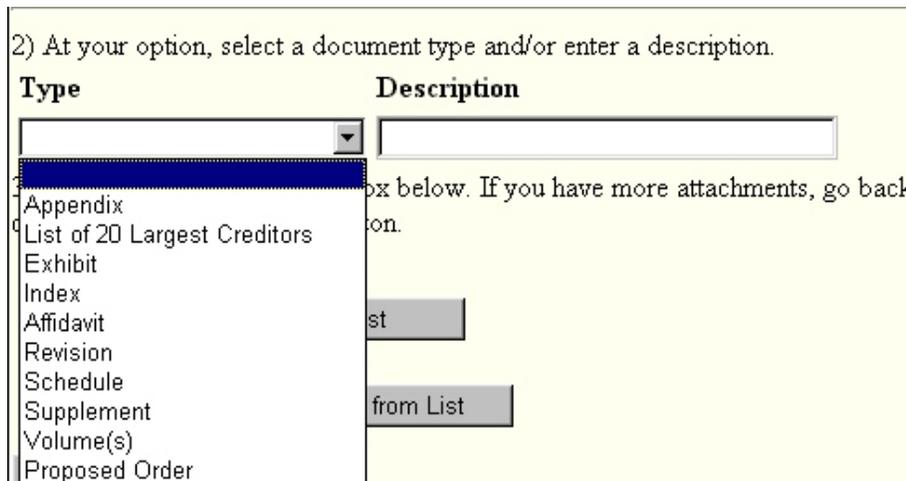


Figure 42

- ◆ Click to highlight a **Type** if appropriate for this **attachment**, or leave blank.
- ◆ If you left the type field blank, you must click inside the Description field to type the name of the **attachment(s)**. As examples: *Deed of Trust and Promissory Note*; or *Security Agreement* (if only one attachment is included). Note that either **Type** or **Description** field must be filled in.
- ◆ Click **[Add to list]** to include the **attachment** in the docket entry.

STEP 5 The **Attachment Filename** displays in **Section 3**. (See Figure 43)

3) Add the filename to the list box below. If you have more attachments, g complete, click on the Next button.



Figure 43

- ◆ If the **attachment** filename displayed is incorrect, click to highlight the filename, then click **Remove from List**.

- ◆ If there are additional attachments to include, repeat **Steps 3 and 4** until all attachments are displayed in **Section 3**.

- ◆ When all attachments are displayed in **Section 3**, click **[Next]** to continue.

- ◆ Proceed to docket the remainder of the event as usual.

Notices

This module will demonstrate the steps to file a notice event in the Notice category. This example demonstrates a *Notice of Withdrawal of Pleadings*. The same steps would be followed for other types of notices.

Notice of Withdrawal of Pleadings

STEP 1 Click the Bankruptcy hypertext link from the CM/ECF main menu.

Note: If the notice is in an adversary proceeding, choose the Adversary hypertext link.

STEP 2 The **Bankruptcy Events** screen displays.

◆ Click the Notices hypertext link.

STEP 3 The **Case Number** screen displays.

◆ Enter the complete case number (office code-yy-bk-nnnnn).

◆ Click [**Next**] to continue.

STEP 4 The **File a Notice** screen displays. (See Figure 44)

File a Notice

[6:03-bk-00005-ABB Jack Sparrow and Elizabeth Sparrow](#)

Notice Of Dismissal (voluntary)
Notice Of Filing
Notice Of Hearing
Notice Of Intent to Sell
Notice Of Sale
Notice Of Substitution of Counsel
Notice Of Taking Depositions
Notice Of Withdrawal of Pleadings

Next Clear

Figure 44

◆ Verify the case name and case number that is displayed.

- ◆ If the case name and number are incorrect, press the browser **[Back]** button to re-enter the case number.
- ◆ If the system prompts that you have entered an invalid case number, click the browser **[Back]** button to try again.
- ◆ Click the down arrow ▼ to reveal the list of notices or press the “n” for notices. Highlight *Notice of Withdrawal of Pleadings*

Note: You may continue to press the “n” until the notice you are filing is highlighted.
- ◆ Click **[Next]** to continue.

STEP 5 The **Select the Party** screen displays.

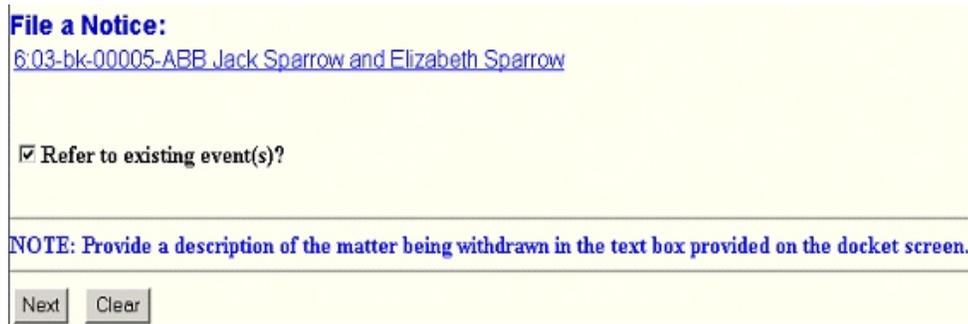
- ◆ Click the down arrow ▼ to scroll the **Select the Party** box to locate the party filer (i.e.: debtor, joint debtor or creditor).
- ◆ Click to highlight and select the party for which the document is filed.

Note: If you wish to highlight more than one party, hold the “**Ctrl**” key down and click to highlight the remaining party or parties.
- ◆ Click **[Next]** to continue.

STEP 6 The **PDF Document Selection** screen displays.

- ◆ Click **[Browse]**, then navigate to the directory where the appropriate PDF file is located. Verify you have selected the correct document by right clicking on the highlighted filename and select **Open** to view the image in Adobe Acrobat. Once verified, close the PDF image and select **Open** from the “Choose File” pop-up screen to associate the PDF file with the docket entry.
- ◆ The **Attachments to Document** option defaults to **No**. If you have attachments to this document, click the **Yes** radio button to indicate there are attachments. (Refer to module: *Attachments to Documents* for more information)
- ◆ Click **[Next]** to continue.

STEP 7 The **Refer to Existing Event** screen displays. (See Figure 45)



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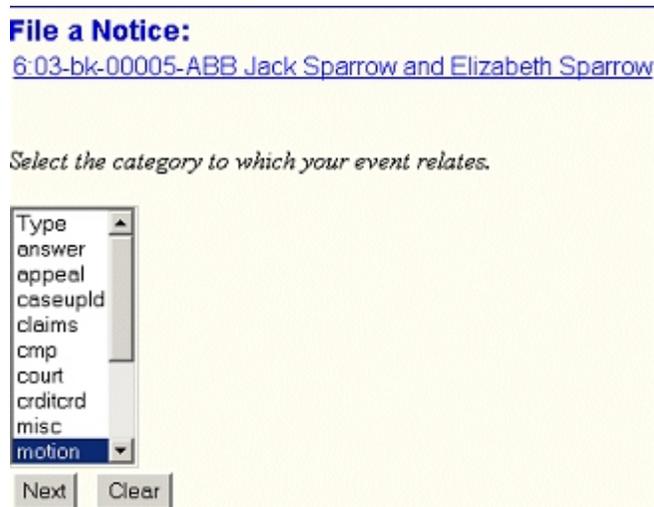
Refer to existing event(s)?

NOTE: Provide a description of the matter being withdrawn in the text box provided on the docket screen.

Figure 45

- ◆ Click inside the box to place a checkmark and indicate that this filing does refer to an existing document. This will allow you to choose the document being amended. By referring to that document a linkage will be created in the system.
- ◆ Click **[Next]** to continue.

STEP 8 The **Document Category** screen displays. (See Figure 46)



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Select the category to which your event relates.

Type
answer
appeal
caseupld
claims
cmp
court
creditor
misc
motion

Figure 46

- ◆ Click to highlight and select the category of documents to which this notice of withdrawal refers. The document being withdrawn in this example is an Amended Motion for Sanctions. That document was originally docketed by choosing the *Motion* category. Therefore, click the *Motion* category to highlight and select all the motions docketed in this case.

Note: If you are unsure as to the category the item you are withdrawing was docketed under, left click on *Type* and drag down to highlight and select all categories of documents to which this amended document may refer. The system will find and display all docket entries associated with the case.

- ◆ Click **[Next]** to continue.

STEP 9 A **Document List** displays.

- ◆ A list of motions filed in this case will be displayed. If you highlight all category types, the entire docket will be displayed.
- ◆ Click inside the box next to the document being withdrawn to include (link) this document to the previously filed document.

Helpful Hint: You will need to provide the name of the document you are withdrawing. To save keystrokes, copy the text from the **Pending Motions** screen and paste into the text box on the **Final Docket Text** screen.

- ◆ Click **[Next]** to continue.

STEP 10 The **Final Docket Text** screen displays. (See Figure 47)

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NOTE: Only text in the white boxes can be modified

Docket Text: Modify as Appropriate.

Notice of Withdrawal of Amended Motion for Sanctions Filed by Christine Baker on behalf of Joint Debtor Elizabeth Sparrow , Debtor Jack Sparrow (related document(s)[6]). (Baker, Christine)

Next

Clear

Figure 47

- ◆ A prefix box and supplemental text box window are available to add more detail to the docket text.

- ◆ Click the down arrow ▼ to display the prefix options. **Note:** You may also type the first letter of the prefix to immediately move to the list of prefixes that begin with a particular letter (i.e.: Verified type “v”). Prefix Options to choose from are:

[none]
Addendum to
Agreed
Alias
Amended
Amendment to
Certified
Consent
Corrective
Cross
Emergency
Ex Parte
Expedited
Fifth
Final
First
First Amended
Fourth
Fourth Amended
Initial
Interim
Intervenor’s
Joint
Limited
Modified
Omnibus
Opposition
Pluries
Pre-Trial
Proposed
Renewed

Sealed
Second
Second Amended
Sixth
Status
Stipulated
Supplemental
Supporting
Third
Third Amended
Third Party
Trial
Unilateral
Unopposed
Verified

- ◆ A supplemental text box window is provided to add more detail to the docket entry.

Note: The docket text reflects that this *Notice of Withdrawal* is related to the original Motion and/or Amended Motion as evidenced by the document number.

- ◆ Click [**Next**] to continue.

STEP 11 The **Final Approval** screen displays.

- ◆ Verify the Final Docket Text. Read the Attention!! message.
- ◆ If the Final Docket Text is correct,
 - ◆ Click [**Next**] to continue and officially submit document.
- ◆ If the Final Docket Text is incorrect:
 - ◆ Click the browser [**Back**] button to find the error(s) and proceed with the event.
 - ◆ To abort or restart the transaction, return to **Step 1** and begin again.

STEP 12 The **Notice of Electronic Filing** screen displays.

- ◆ The Notice of Electronic Filing certifies that the filing has been received electronically by the court.
- ◆ Clicking on the case number hypertext link will present the Docket Report for this case. A PACER account is necessary to view this link.
- ◆ Clicking on the document number hypertext link will present the *PDF Image* of the document just filed.
- ◆ Scroll down to see participants who have and have not registered for electronic noticing on this case.
- ◆ To print a copy of this notice click the browser **[Print]** icon.
- ◆ To save a copy of this notice, click **[File]** on the browser menu bar and select **Save Frame As**.
- ◆ You may also save the notice through the browser **File/Save** option.

Miscellaneous Pleadings

This module will demonstrate the steps to file a document listed in the Miscellaneous category. This example demonstrates a *Notice of Change of Address*. The same steps would be followed for other types of miscellaneous pleadings contained in this category. The *Notice of Change of Address* events is also located under the Notices category.

Note: When preparing a Notice of Change of Address, be sure to include the old address and the new address of the affected party to allow the court to update correctly.

Notice of Change of Address

STEP 1 Click the Bankruptcy hypertext link from the CM/ECF main menu.

Note: If the notice is in an adversary proceeding, choose the Adversary hypertext link.

STEP 2 The **Bankruptcy Events** screen displays.

◆ Click the Miscellaneous hypertext link.

STEP 3 The **Case Number** screen displays.

◆ Enter the complete case number (office code-yy-bk-nnnnn).

◆ Click **[Next]** to continue.

STEP 4 The **Miscellaneous** screen displays. (See Figure 48)

The screenshot shows the ECF Miscellaneous screen for case 6:05-bk-00112-KSJ Jack Sparrow. The header includes the ECF logo and the text 'Bankruptcy • Adversary •'. The main heading is 'Miscellaneous'. Below this is the case identifier '6:05-bk-00112-KSJ Jack Sparrow'. A scrollable list of pleadings is displayed, with 'Notice Of Change of Address - Debtor' and 'Notice Of Change of Address - Party' highlighted. Below the list are two buttons: 'Next' and 'Clear'.

Figure 48

- ◆ Verify the case name and case number that is displayed.
- ◆ If the case name and number are incorrect, press the browser **[Back]** button to re-enter the case number.
- ◆ If the system prompts that you have entered an invalid case number, click the browser **[Back]** button to try again.
- ◆ Click the down arrow ▼ to reveal the list of pleadings or press the first letter of the type of document (i.e.: “n” for notice). Highlight *Notice of Change of Address - Debtor* or *Notice of Change of Address - Party* as applicable.

Note: You may continue to press the letter to run through the entire letter selection until the item you are filing is highlighted.
- ◆ Click **[Next]** to continue.

STEP 5 The **Select the Party** screen displays.

- ◆ Click the down arrow ▼ to scroll the **Select the Party** box to locate the party filer (i.e.: debtor, joint debtor or creditor).
- ◆ Click to highlight and select the party for which the document is filed.

Note: If you wish to highlight more than one party, hold the “**Ctrl**” key down and click to highlight the remaining party or parties.

- ◆ Click [**Next**] to continue.

STEP 6 The **PDF Document Selection** screen displays.

- ◆ Click [**Browse**], then navigate to the directory where the appropriate PDF file is located. Verify you have selected the correct document by right clicking on the highlighted filename and select **Open** to view the image in Adobe Acrobat. Once verified, close the PDF image and select **Open** from the “Choose File” pop-up screen to associate the PDF file with the docket entry.
- ◆ The **Attachments to Document** option defaults to **No**. If you have attachments to this document, click the **Yes** radio button to indicate there are attachments. (Refer to module: *Attachments to Documents* for more information)
- ◆ Click [**Next**] to continue.

STEP 7 The **Court User Message** screen displays.

- ◆ Click [**Next**] to continue.

STEP 8 The **Final Docket Text** screen displays. (See Figure 49 and 50)

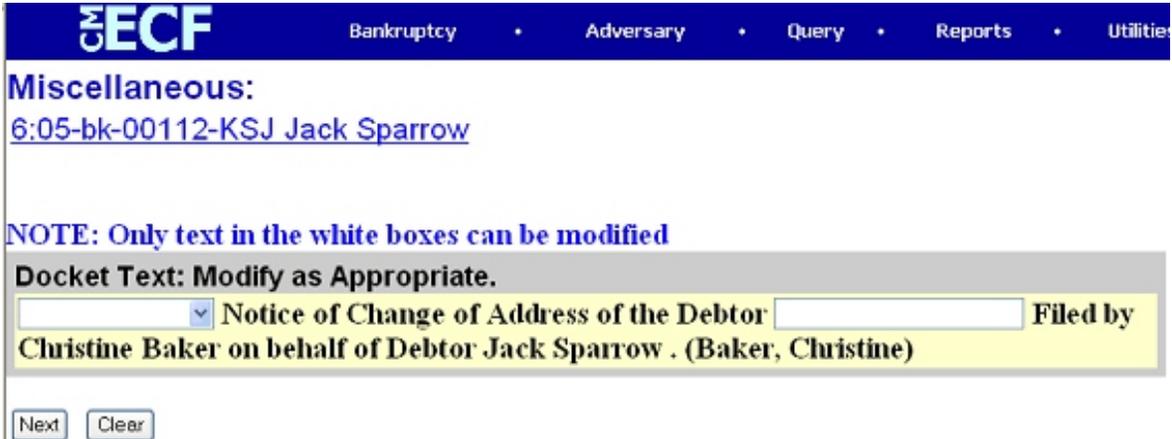


Figure 49 - Debtor

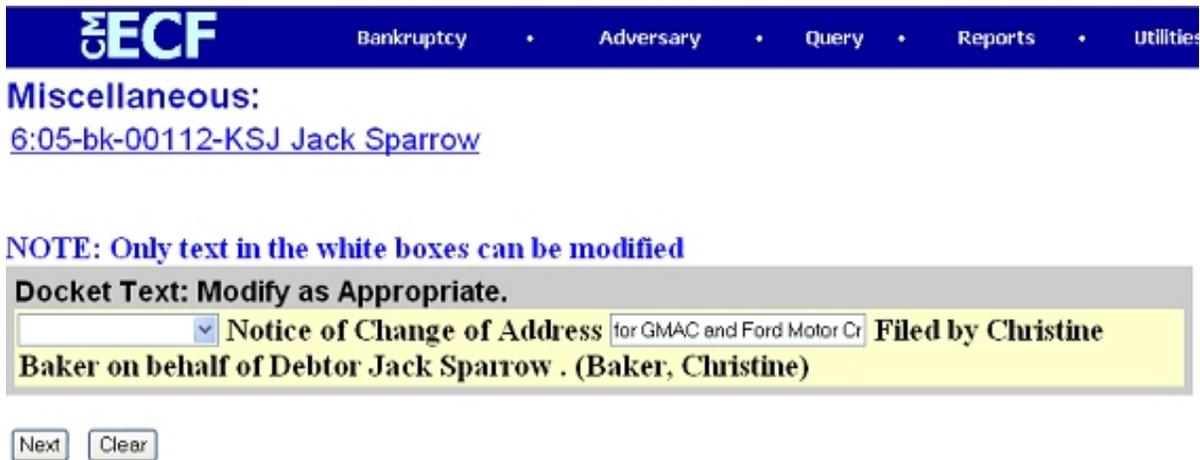


Figure 50 - Party

- ◆ A prefix box and supplemental text box window are available to add more detail to the docket text.
- ◆ Click the down arrow ▼ to display the prefix options. **Note:** You may also type the first letter of the prefix to immediately move to the list of prefixes that begin with a particular letter (i.e.: Verified type “v”). Prefix Options to choose from are:

- [none]
- Addendum to
- Agreed
- Alias
- Amended
- Amendment to
- Certified

Consent
Corrective
Cross
Emergency
Ex Parte
Expedited
Fifth
Final
First
First Amended
Fourth
Fourth Amended
Initial
Interim
Intervenor's
Joint
Limited
Modified
Omnibus
Opposition
Pluries
Pre-Trial
Proposed
Renewed
Sealed
Second
Second Amended
Sixth
Status
Stipulated
Supplemental
Supporting
Third
Third Amended
Third Party
Trial
Unilateral
Unopposed

Verified

- ◆ A supplemental text box window is provided to add more detail to the docket entry. In **Figure 50** the names of the creditors with an address change has been added.
- ◆ Click **[Next]** to continue.

STEP 9 The **Final Approval** screen displays.

- ◆ Verify the Final Docket Text. Read the Attention!! message.
- ◆ If the Final Docket Text is correct,
 - ◆ Click **[Next]** to continue and officially submit document.
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